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A DIARY OF INTEREST

THIS week we publish the first instalment of the diary of the late Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough. The diary now under notice is for the period of 1880-1890 and was written in ten small books. A shrewd observer and with a strong sense of humour, Mr. Fussell's observations cover a particularly interesting period in the art of change ringing. They coincide with the development of the movement for belfry reform and there are many indications of the need for placing our art on a higher plane if it was to secure the respect of the Church and the confidence of the public.

Mr. Fussell was one of the great figures in English ringing over a very long period. Although he was never elected to the Central Council, he was very much of what might be described as 'the man behind the scenes.' His work was in three categories, as an instructor, an organiser of ringing tours and a peal ringer.

The invitation to English ringers to visit Australia in 1934 came to Mr. Fussell. He perceived what a wonderful opportunity this was. A preliminary meeting of probabilities and possibilities was held in London in April to discuss prospects. A peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and six of the eight ringers who took part in it eventually made the trip 'down under.'

The day before the 'Barrabool' sailed on September 14th, 1934, Mr. Fussell rang his 1,000th peal, one of Superlative Surprise Major at Slough, conducted by Mr. George Martin. It took 'Old Bill,' as he was affectionately known to his friends, 52½ years to ring his 1,000 peals. His record was rather amazing, the peals being rung for no fewer than 44 societies. He was the first to ring a peal in every county in England and in Wales (except Anglesey).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith gives an insight into his character in his book, 'A Great Adventure,' telling of the Australian tour. The day after the 'Barrabool' sailed Mr. Fussell celebrated his 73rd birthday, and, looking back on his career, gives these pointers: 'Never broken a stay or a slider; never been run in by the Police Guild or "sent down" by the College Youths.' Of his 1,000 peals he has a special word of thanks for four Georges, viz.: George I (Newson), George II (Williams), George III

(Martin) and George IV. (Pye). He also expressed the hope that he would never ring a peal with a band of 'Pussyfoots.'

For editing this Diary the Exercise is indebted to Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester. After Mr. Fussell's death his books and papers were rescued by one of the leading Slough ringers. All his bound literature is preserved in a special bookcase in his native tower of Slough, where he had so many connections and gave a bell. Mr. Fussell's loose papers and oddments were sent to Mr. Morris to look through and destroy any that were not of value and to preserve all which were deemed of historical interest.

Among the papers sent were two notebooks of the late Mr. Cornelius Charge with his compositions and peal records, which were given to Mr. Fussell for preservation following his Australian tour; also a book containing the peal records of 'John C. Truss, sen., and John C. Truss, jun., of Great Marlow,' with a note added 'from Mrs. Truss, of Marlow, June 29th, 1942.' The correspondence connected with the great Australian tour, shipping company's letters, souvenirs of various places visited, photos and menu cards signed by all present at the various functions were also included. It was Mr. Morris' deep regret that he was unable to take part in this historic tour, although Mr. Fussell extended to him a most pressing invitation.

BELLS AND NOISE

While ringers have to face many critics, it is extremely gratifying to know that Lord Horder, chairman of the Noise Abatement League, is not against church bells. 'We never do anything about a noise if we find from a sort of rough canvass that as many like it as do not.' Lord Horder was last week lecturing to the League on 'Cities Without Noise,' and we hope in this issue to publish a precis of his speech.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has for many years recognised that the nuisance that can be caused by bells ringing can be abated by various methods for deadening sound. The co-operation of all ringers in this matter is desired. It is a question upon which the Council is prepared to give expert advice, and if any tower has any peculiar difficulty which cannot be met by the orthodox methods, the Council is prepared to assist them.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	ALAN ELSMORE 7
JOAN BERESFORD 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 8
*EVELYN FLETCHER 3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 9
GEORGE E. OLIVER 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 10
GEORGE A. PACKER 5	RICHARD C. INGRAM .. 11
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.. 6	*WM. FRANK STENSON .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal on twelve bells. Rung to welcome the Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Alderman A. Paddon-Smith) on the occasion of the opening of the St. Matthew's Christmas bazaar.

TEN BELL PEALS

ABERGAVENNY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. BAILEY .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH 6
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS .. 2	JACK R. WORRALL 7
THOMAS YEOMANS 3	ALFRED W. HEATH 8
TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 4	ROBERT E. COLES 9
GEORGE LARGE 5	CHARLES GREEDY Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

First-peal of Caters as conductor. The first peal on the newly-augmented ten bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. Simpson, late churchwarden and mainly instrumental in the work of augmentation.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALBERT W. BOND .. Treble	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 6
FRANK BENNETT 2	*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 7
*BASIL WHITE 3	HENRY STALHAM 8
*MAURICE THOMAS 4	FREDERICK PAGE 9
JOHN DEARLOVE 5	WILLIAM ROGERS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Treble Ten.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. Treble	FREDK. A. SALTER 6
CLEMENT GLENN 2	SIDNEY BRIGGS 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3	JOHN E. TURLEY 8
JOHN FREEMAN 4	*WALTER NICHOLS 9
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 5	DENIS CARLISLE Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* 100th peal and first of Stedman Caters away from tenor.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. Treble	HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. 2	FREDK. W. HOUSDEN .. 7
BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 3	T. MARK WHITE 8
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 9
ALFRED L. SIMMONDS .. 5	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

*JOSEPH SAXTON .. Treble	†STANLEY SLANEY 5
DENNIS CARLISLE 2	CYRIL WRIGHT 6
FRANCIS R. LOWE 3	HAROLD TAYLOR 7
*†WILFRED L. ROBINSON.. 4	GORDON C. BRIGGS .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal in method. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss June Wright.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM HENLEY .. Treble	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. 5
ALBERT DISERENS 2	NOEL J. DISERENS 6
DAVID H. PEARCE 3	HAROLD SMITH 7
MARY JAYCOCK 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by GEO. W. DEBENHAM.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Peter Blamey, Brian O'Neil, and Martin A. Blamey, of the pre-war band.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES C. RAWDING .. Treble	HAROLD BASLEY 5
*JOY RAWDING 2	DENIS A. FRITH 6
JAMES H. MUSSON 3	HORACE BENNETT 7
RONALD C. NOON 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* First peal in the method.

NORTON (MALTON), YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Grove's Variation of Parker's T. elve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

SEDMAN H. STEEL .. Treble	EDWARD HUDSON 5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 2	*DESMOND FORTH 6
*HERBERT ROWSBY 3	BERT SUTTON 7
†HAROLD SPENCER 4	*OCEAN H. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by BERT SUTTON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Arranged as a compliment to H. Rowsby, captain of the local company.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM WENBAN .. Treble	†CHARLES WENBAN 5
*WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. 2	†ALBERT C. WENBAN .. 6
†FREDK. A. H. CATTELL.. 3	†RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 4	†JOHN E. ROOTES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by RALPH E. W. WENBAN.

* 500th peal (aged 82). † First peal in the method. † First peal away from treble and of Treble Bob. First peal as conductor.

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On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Pritchard's Four-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.
*C. JOHN GIBBS Treble	ERIC DODDS 5
FRANK T. BLAGROVE 2	*TERENCE H. BLUNT 6
†JANET S. BAILEY 3	RICHARD E. PRICE 7
†PETER A. LAWRENCE 4	FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in memory of Dudley Read, late ringer of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Sunbury.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

FRANK E. HAYNES Treble	CHARLES T. RICHARDS 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 6
HENRY H. FEARN 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT 4	LEONARD TREVOR Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First touch in the method.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK C. CASE .. Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 5
MARGARET L. TUTT .. 2	*GEORGE F. BURTON .. 6
*GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 3	THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. 7
*WILLIAM YATES .. 4	WALTER F. JUDGE .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by MARGARET L. TUTT.

* First peal in the method. A 16th birthday compliment to Miss K. Mary Cowley, regular singer and ringer at this church.

RANDWICK, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JUDE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-part.	Tenor 21 cwt.
*RUTH E. DONNELLY .. Treble	JOHN DUNCAN 5
EDWARD B. McDONALD .. 2	WILLIAM M. ROWE 6
EDMUND J. FOWELL .. 3	THOMAS W. GOODYER .. 7
†JOHN J. CUMMINS 4	RAY B. ALTASS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM M. ROWE.

* First lady to ring a peal of Triples in Australia. † First peal First peal of Triples by all the band, for the Association and by a local band in N.S.W. Rung in honour of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

WYE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HILDRED S. WICKENS .. Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5
PERCY PAGE 2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. 6
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
MARK W. MARSHALL .. 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Cambridge.

ALLOA, CLACKMANNAN.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 13 cwt. in F.
*JOYCE E. TAYLOR .. Treble	†MISS K. M. H. BRANSON 5
HARRY F. SARGENT .. 2	ROGNALD ST. C. WILSON 6
†R. M. PRESTON 3	C. R. RAINE 7
PROF. R. O. STREET .. 4	W. H. PICKETT Tenor

Conducted by C. R. RAINE.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*ALAN WARD Treble	*DEREK OGDEN 5
*JAMES CARTER 2	ROGER LEIGH 6
†STEPHEN LL. PARRY .. 3	CHARLES CLEGG 7
*VERNON SYKES 4	JACK CLEGG Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

* First peal in the method. † 150th peal for the Association. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the brothers Charles and Jack Clegg.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A variation of Thurstan's.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

BERNARD S. NICHOLS .. Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	THOMAS W. TIMMS 6
*MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT 3	WILLIAM J. DIXON 7
EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 4	JOHN J. WESTMACOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD S. NICHOLS.

* First peal of Stedman. In honour of the gift of a daughter to the wife of the conductor.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

GLADYS K. JARRETT .. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD 5
VICTOR A. JARRETT .. 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
HARRY SPRINGATE 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer's wife.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. A. Cave's Variation of Washbrook's.	Tenor 20 cwt.
NORAH M. BIBBY .. Treble	BRIAN HARRIS 5
HARRY PYE 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 6
FREDERICK H. BIRKS .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 4	*R. GORDAN CORBY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal of Stedman.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*CYRIL WRIGHT Treble	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 5
WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 2	†HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 6
GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 3	*HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 7
†ARTHUR B. COOPER .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JULIA M. PRESTON .. Treble	FRANK VARTY 5
ROGER C. PRESTON .. 2	DAVID VINCENT 6
MARY WAESHAW 3	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 7
*GEORGE H. HESKETH .. 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal of Surprise. A compliment to Mr. Thomas W. Hammond, the well-known St. Nicholas' (Liverpool) ringer, on attaining his 70th birthday.

KNOWLE, BRISTOL. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN 6
ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS 3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	NORMAN H. COOMBS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the donor of the bells.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*CLIFFORD J. DARKE Treble	C. ARTHUR MANNING 5
WILLIAM COLLETT 2	*GERALD C. HEMMING 6
WILLIAM H. MALE 3	*HAROLD HUXLEY 7
*ARTHUR T. SHOREY 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

* First peal of Major.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM SLAUGHTER Treble	RAYMOND OVERY 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
HAROLD A. MAY 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

RONALD BURT Treble	CHARLES CATCHPOLE 5
FRANK C. ARNOLD 2	CECIL A. THOMPSON 6
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
ERNEST A. HEAD 4	ERNEST C. STAFF Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

First peal of Plain Bob Triples by all the band and on the bells.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

Tenor 16 cwt.

*GORDON J. BLOWER Treble	SIDNEY PENFOLD 5
DAVID W. BEARD 2	THOMAS E. LOXTON 6
VICTOR W. GRIMWADE 3	FRANK V. GANT 7
COLIN E. WRIGHT 4	*BRIAN W. CABLE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.

* First peal.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 20 cwt.

STANLEY ANDERTON Treble	JAMES W. METCALFE 5
JOHN WOODS 2	JAMES E. BURLIS 6
FRANK T. F. POSTLETHWAITE 3	PETER CROOK 7
JOHN BAGNALL 4	*THOMAS H. MOSS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLIS.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Egerton Ward. First peal after the rehanging of the bells by Messrs. Taylors.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

FRANK BLONDELL Treble	EDWIN J. LINDLEY 5
BARBARA M. HARRIS 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY 6
PEGGY G. KITCHEN 3	GEORGE C. GOODMAN 7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 4	HERBERT G. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by HERBERT G. ANDREWS.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON Treble	ERNEST F. PAYNE 4
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	GERALD ARMSTRONG 5
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE 3	MICHAEL BROWN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Double Court (two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob).

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALDERMAN LING Treble	*A. PIPE 4
GEORGE BERRY 2	J. PREASTNER 5
ARTHUR LING 3	H. HALL Tenor

Conducted by J. PREASTNER.

* First extent of Surprise. First peal as conductor.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob. St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*C. AUBREY HARRISON Treble	JACK BRAY 4
†RONALD CHAFER 2	HARRY HALL 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3	†HAROLD MORWOOD Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal, including Treble Bob. † First peal in four methods 'inside.'

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, ten callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN H. HICKS Treble	*GERALD L. BOWEN 4
ALFRED W. GLAZZARD 2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY 5
*ERIC C. LUCAS 3	*GEORGE LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Reginald Rowley, of the local band.

ASTON-INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

JOHN J. WEBB Treble	*ARNOLD G. HAZELDEN 4
REGINALD POSTON 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells recently increased from four to six.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK W. SWEET Treble	THOMAS E. MOGG 4
*HEDLEY E. BEST 2	WILFRID R. KENT 5
RONALD D. SHORT 3	†EDWARD C. MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID R. KENT.

* First peal 'inside' and on six bells. † First peal. First peal on the bells, augmented to six in 1949.

HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of London Surprise and four 720's of Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

BRYAN F. SIMS Treble	LEWIS H. BYWATERS 4
ALAN S. SMITH 2	STANLEY H. WALLIS 5
JOHN CHURCH 3	HAROLD W. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD W. SMITH.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble; Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

W. WILLIAMS	Treble	A. PHILLIPS	4
J. WELCH	2	N. PATMORE	5
B. PATMORE	3	S. F. CARTER	Tenor

Conducted by S. F. CARTER.

Rung as a token of gratitude to Mr. A. A. Williams for the gift of an electric clock to the church and in remembrance of his family's 200 years of service to the church.

LITTLE PETHERICK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

DONALD DOCKING	Treble	STEWART J. ROBINSON	4
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	5
A. HUBERT EPLETT	3	JOHN C. NORTHEY	Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

First peal on the bells.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten extents each of Canterbury, April Day and Grandsire, and 12 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM E. MINOR	Treble	RHODA HEMMINGS	3
†MRS. S. H. JONES	2	WILLIAM H. CURSON	4
SIDNEY H. JONES			Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.'

MILTON REGIS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Reverse College Single, and two each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR	Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL	4
GEORGE KENWARD	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	3	ERIC NAYLOR	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Prince Charles.

NETTLESTEAD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 5 cwt.

FRED E. MANSEY	Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS	3
EDNA M. SILLS	2	WILLIAM R. MANSEY	4
JOHN T. MEDHURST			Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. MEDHURST.

First peal on the bells.

PARRAMATTA, AUSTRALIA.

NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six methods, viz.: 6 extents of Antelope, 10 Grandsire, 8 Old Doubles, 6 April Day, 4 Norfolk, 8 Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

W. HARRY SHORT	Treble	ROBERT W. FERRIS	4
GEORGE E. WILLIAMSON	2	*KEN G. P. STACEY	5
A. ROBERT BOTTING	3	BRUCE DUNBAR	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. FERRIS.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal of all local band. First peal in six methods for the Association. Rung to welcome the Archbishop of Canterbury to Parramatta. First peal rung outside of Britain for an Archbishop of Canterbury.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Liverpool Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the R.C. Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

HERBERT ASHTON Treble	HARRY BLACKBURN 4
*DOREEN M. JONES 2	WILFRED RILEY 5
*A. DONALD POCKLINGTON 3	†WILLIAM E. COURT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. COURT.

* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal. First peal on the bells for 25 years.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

G. WEST Treble	F. PICKERING 4
*N. V. CHAPPELL 2	G. R. HINER 5
F. S. WILSON 3	H. MORTEMORE Tenor

Conducted by H. MORTEMORE.

* First peal. Rung as a 72nd birthday peal for G. West.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being fourteen 120's each of April Day. Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	†MICHAEL BROWN 4
GEORGE PICKERING 2	FREDERICK WATSON 5
*WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 3	JOHN BURBAGE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in three methods. A birthday compliment to the tenor man, who is verger of this church.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Chesterfield District.)

On Wed., Nov. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MISS J. SMITH Treble	†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 4
JOSEPH SAXTON 2	HERBERT T. ROOKE 5
†MISS I. BELLERBY 3	§ARTHUR B. COOPER .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Kent. § Fiftieth peal.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cunecastre, Lightfoot, Norwich, Beverley, York, Cambridge and London.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON Treble	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. 4
*ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 5
†WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in seven methods and of Surprise Minor. † 50th peal. 50th peal on the bells, which were installed in the tower in 1871. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Rogers, of Apsley, the former having been a ringer at the above church for many years. The band would like to associate the name of T. G. Morton with this peal.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

LEONARD DERRICK Treble	HERBERT W. KNIGHT 4
ERNEST F. SHEARN 2	*BRYAN F. SHEARN 5
*MERVIN R. SHEARN 3	†MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD DERRICK.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Shearn and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Yeates; also a farewell peal to the ringer of the third, who is joining H.M. Forces.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe,

A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*DOREEN RICHER Treble	†ROY DUESBURY 4
†JAMES H. EDWARDS .. 2	*FRANK G. OLIVER 5
*ROY W. SPENCER 3	HARRY J. MILLATT .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. First peal of Minor as conductor. A farewell peal to the Rector, the Rev. A. R. Johnston.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, London and Wells.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

*JOHN ANDERSON Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 4
ROLAND PARK 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
THOMAS COOKE 3	*DENNIS A. BAYLES .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. Rung for the 59th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one extent of Double Oxford, and two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*DOREEN EDWARDS Treble	HARRY HOWARD 4
HENRY PARKER 2	*ALFRED WILKINSON .. 5
WILLIAM R. HAMMONS .. 3	ERIC NOBLES Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal in four methods.

DEAL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN A. HILTON Treble	WILFRED S. PALIN 4
EILEEN S. WYLES 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 5
PETER NEWING 3	THOMAS H. HOLMES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal in three methods.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, six extents of April Day, 12 extents of Plain Bob and 20 extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt.

*MISS J. M. S. COOKE .. Treble	†S. SAGE 4
†B. J. ONGLEY 2	†ERNEST PIMLOTT 5
†R. BARRETT 3	*E. L. ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

* First peal. † First peal in four Doubles methods. A 55th birthday compliment to R. J. Ongley, the local captain.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being sixteen 120's of Stedman, twelve 120's of Grandsire, four 120's of Plain Bob, four 120's of St. Simon's and six 120's of April Day, all the different 120's being called.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

EDWARD J. BOFFEY Treble	J. DEREK SMITH 4
HAROLD G. SMITH 2	JOHN E. BROUGH 5
KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH 3	FREDK. W. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

First peal in five Double methods by all the band.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,400 Plain Bob, 1,200 April Day and 1,440 Grandsire.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*HASLEY WORLE Treble	†ALFRED HAZZARD 4
*HENRY BALL 2	LEONARD DERRICK 5
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 3	*T. CHARLES YORK Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD DERRICK.

* First peal. † First peal on a working bell.

HANDBELL PEALS

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5096 CHANGES;

In two methods, comprising 3,192 Little Bob and 1,904 Plain Bob, with 215 changes of method.

Tenor size 17 in A.

*ROY C. HURST 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* 100th peal.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,

At 39A, HIGH STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

OWEN A. NEEDHAM 1-2	MAURICE J. THURMOTT .. 3-4
RONALD H. BULLEN 5-6	

Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

IN THE 15TH CENTURY PARVIS OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5-6
*ALFRED MOULD 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT.

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

LAMBETH, LONDON.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

MISS A. B. STOCKDALE (Girt.) 1-2	E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity) .. 5-6
R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) .. 3-4	G. DODDS (Emmanuel) .. 7-8

B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity) 9-10

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's). Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Nov. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At 35, MARKET STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

PETER BERESFORD 1-2	GEORGE E. OLIVER 5-6
JOAN BERESFORD 3-4	DENNIS BERESFORD 7-8

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

First peal on eight handbells and of Major as conductor.

BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 26, 1950, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor size 18 in G.

JOHN B. BENNETT 1-2	ROGER O. FRY 3-4
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*DAVID HOARE 5-6

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal 'in hand.' Rung as a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Baverstock, of Bath.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,

A PEAL OF STEPMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in A.

JOHN BRAMLEY 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5-6
ALAN CATTELL 3-4	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7-8

*ERNEST MORRIS 9-10

Composed by JAMES GEORGE.

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* 1,250th peal. Rung on the composer's 97th birthday.

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From 'Punch' Charivaria:—'During the afternoon, visiting teams of bellringers rang short peals on the bells, which cost about £1 7/0 to repair.'—'Irish Times.' They are hardly likely to be asked again

Culled from a Midland paper:—The Rev. Alan L. Holt, Vicar of Streetley, Staffs, fears that American visitors to the golf course near his church will be distressed by the sound of the 'cans and kettles' when the bells ring. So he is appealing for £200 for a set of electronic bells.

With a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal on November 25th, Mr. John Dearlove completed the circle of St. Peter's, Brighton, for the second time.

Send your Christmas Greetings to ringing friends through 'The Ringing World.' (Charge 2s. 6d.) Special page in issue of December 22nd.

Miss Joyce E. Taylor, a student at the Edinburgh College of Domestic Science, whose home is in Sedburgh, joins this week's list of those who have rung their first peals. Her peal was rung at Alloa, Clackmannan.

In the small parish of Kingston Seymour, Somerset, the ringers have been working hard for some time to raise funds for the tuning and rehanging of their bells. They have raised all but the last £100. If any tower would like to encourage them by helping them over this last hurdle, donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged by Mr. E. Norton, Gout House Farm, Kingston Seymour, Clevedon, Somerset.

Doyen of Bath ringers is Mr. A. E. Baverstock, who celebrated his 78th birthday recently. Mr. Baverstock rings regularly on Sundays at St. Mary's, Bathwick, and has taken part in several quarter peals recently. It was not possible to attempt a tower-bell peal, but a peal 'in hand' was rung in honour of the occasion.

For the peal of Grandsire Caters at Abergavenny on November 25th, Mr. Ernest Stitch travelled back to Wales from Wolverhampton. This was the first peal on the new ten.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The report on the Festival of Britain has been circulated to members of the Standing Committee for their observations. It is a very comprehensive document and, if accepted by the Standing Committee, it will be published in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Eric T. Lee has resigned the hon. secretaryship of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. He has accepted an appointment with the Harpenden Urban District Council.

Mr. B. S. Nicholls, who has been organist and choirmaster at Burford Parish Church (Oxon) for over 18 years, has been appointed to a similar position at St. Mary's Parish Church, Witney. He is due to take up his duties in the New Year.

Congratulations to Mr. J. Nudds on ringing his 500th peal at the age of 82 years. The method chosen, Oxford Treble Bob Major, was the same which he rang for his first peal over 60 years ago.

Members of the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild had hard luck in an attempted peal of Beverley Surprise Minor on Nov. 25th at Middleton-Cheney, Northants. After three hours, fifteen minutes' good ringing with one and a half courses to go, the ringer of the treble missed his sally and the bell went over and stuck. The band was A. Hinton 1. E. Lines 2. W. J. Chester 3. G. Burton 4. G. W. Holland 5. W. Yates (conductor) 6.

Mr. James George, of 30, Wimborne Road, Poole, Dorset, has received so many letters and telegrams of congratulation upon his 97th birthday that he finds it impossible to reply to them individually. He, however, desires to thank sincerely all those who have sent him such kindly messages.

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Diary of the late Mr. W. H. Fussell

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

Among the many 'treasures' that have come into my charge, there is a series of small note books that belonged to the late Mr. W. H. Fussell, dating from 1880, the first of which is titled 'Notes and Scraps of Ringing by W. H. F., previous to 1880, from the time he began to ring.' The opening page has the stanza:—

'O all ye bells and ringers thereof,
Praise ye the Lord;
Ring unto Him, and sing unto Him
For ever and ever.'

Like all the old-time ringers (and even in my own experiences), his first beginnings were not so easy, nor opportunities so many, as is experienced by youngsters to-day. They are not without humour, however, and I know it would not be against his wish or desire that these notes be published.

He begins at 1874 by saying:—

August 23rd. My brother was married to A. Leader, the Slough steeplekeeper's daughter. They went to live in one of my father's houses in Park Street, opposite the 'Queen of England.' It was through my brother I learned to ring.

It was about the end of the following year I first entered a belfry (1875). About the month of November, one evening, I was playing with some boys in Church Street, near by Bartlett's Corner, High Street, when my brother, going on his way to the church to ring, stopped and asked me if I should like to ring. He gave me a long yarn about having to 'stick to it,' the trouble and difficulty of learning, and no end of advice. Accordingly, I was taken to the tower with another boy, the son of a ringer, who was playing with me. We were allowed to pull one of the bells at handstroke a few times, and then had a sit, quiet as mice, while a melodious string of Stoney was yelled out by W. Leader.

OLD RINGERS OF SLOUGH

The names of the ringers then, as far as I recollect:—

Snob Allen, a bootmaker and repairer, living near the 'Greyhound,' Upton; he used to have a room by the 'Red Cow' to work in.

William Allen, no relation, a tinker by trade, living in the Windsor Road close by the 'Rising Sun,' a public house then kept by a Mr. Cheer, who possessed a set of handbells. This was the house of call, mostly. Tinker Allen, as he was nicknamed, was a good man for his time, and had some idea of change-ringing; he was particularly fond of Plain Bob, and would lap touches for hours.

Harry Pinnafore, a general gardener at Eton College for one of the masters, living in Ragstone Road, Chalvey; fond of breeding birds and drinking beer.

I. Ship, foreman and manager at the Slough Gas Works, a fat man, very fond of telling unusual lies and exaggeration of the truth, i.e. while ringing down his home way (the belfry being on the ground floor and the door opening on to the road), on one occasion the 5th clapper came out of the bell and broke through the roof and fell outside. He had just time to set the bell and run out in the street and catch the clapper!

G. Joynes, a maltster, living at the Malt Houses in Alpha Street; a very straightforward man. He owned a set of 12 handbells (Simonds make, old-fashioned but in good tune and condition); these bells my brother gave him 30s. for, and sold them three or four years later to J. J. Parker, of Farnham, for £3. Joynes used to get a few in his place and sit round the furnaces on chairs during the winter months, ringing lap touches and tunes. He used to grow a special potato on a piece of garden adjoining the Malt House. He was



MR. W. H. FUSSELL

fond of putting a lot in the furnace and raking them out when the ringers arrived, when they used to present a very comfortable appearance, seated on sacks of malt and eating these hot 'murphys.' He was never without a stone jar of ale, filled from the 'Greyhound' to drink from.

A MEMORIAL BOARD

1872. My brother learned to ring through Mr. Joynes; they met on some business, Alf being a painter and decorator, and, while talking, Joynes spoke of a board that was to be written for the Slough belfry, with the names of all old, departed ringers on. This board Alf wrote. Afterwards, by his going up to fix it, Joynes talking, and his seeing the ring-up going on, he was tempted to try, with the result he soon got on, and was made a parish ringer a year or so after.

1873. This board is now in the tower but other names have since been added. While learning to ring, he had several footings to pay. A gallon when first pulled up a bell alone; another when he rang in rounds, and one more when he finished a peal.

Father Allen, a son of Snob Allen, who had just learned to ring; he being a young hand and just starting, led to my being allowed to start.

William Allen, jun., a son of Tinker Allen. He went up for the first time with me. Neither of these last two stuck to ringing. After about three years of it, they stopped away altogether. But I must say that from 1875 to 1878 the chiming was done most even and regular by us 'three boys,' as the old hands called us, and leaving us to do it.

William Maisey, a carpenter and wheelwright jobber, living in Park Street, not a very good hand. Both Maisey and Ship stayed away a good deal after us young ones got on a bit.

William Leader, a small man, found of beer. Very pompous as steeplekeeper, living in Buckingham Gardens with a big wife (very homely) and a large family.

So much for the company I was introduced to before I made any progress in the Art. Most of them, however, left one by one, until only Leader and my brother remained, others coming up to fill their places. I. Pursey and W. Wilder were principally taught by Pinnafore and Alf.

Mr. Pefryman, of Hencroft Street, and John Steel, of The Dutchman's Farm, also began to come up although they were parish ringers at St. John's Church, Windsor, Perryman having learned to ring at Farnham, and Steel at Langley, when young men.

OPENING OF FARNHAM BELLS

1877. June. Whit Monday. The Slough ringers opened the Farnham Bells, the tower having just been rebuilt and the bells restored. Call changes rung. A good dinner was provided for us in a large tent adjoining the schoolroom opposite. The Slough ringers at this time became very popular as good ringers, visiting numerous towers round about. A party of us went to Clewer the latter end of the year, the handbells being taken and used well. Beaconsfield was also visited, a numerous company driving over in a wagonette and pair, but, as we got to the church and began to pull the bells up, word was sent to stop the bells as a woman, lying near the church was very ill: she died afterwards. We put up at the 'Saracen's Head,' and there staid (sic) the rest of the day. Some suggested we should go on to Woburn or Wycombe. Numerous tunes were rung by W. Leader 3-4, Street 5-6, Alf 7-8, and myself 1-2, Perryman Slip, Pinnafore and all the Allens being with the party.

About this time, a trin was made to Hurst on the August Bank Holiday, via train to Twyford, and walking the rest. Here we ordered a good dinner, afterwards some tunes and a game of bowls were played out on the bowling green, which was in beautifully-kept order and well stocked round with flowers. The public house we put up at was opposite the church, and a very old-fashioned place.

Harry Pinnafore and Alf often used to take a walk together to some neighbouring church on a Sunday afternoon. I went to Old Windsor on one occasion and to Burnham also with them.

Langley was very frequently visited as there were several good handbell tune ringers there. Many a crowded roomful of smoke-dried ringers have sat in the parlour of the old 'Red Lion,' opposite the church.

To be continued.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

MEETING AT BRIXHAM

The Mid-Devon Branch held a by-meeting at Brixham on November 25th which was attended by the president (Prob. E. V. Cox) and friends from Buckland Newton, Kenn, Teignmouth, Newton Abbot, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh, Dartington, Totnes and Paignton, as well as the local ringers.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon to Grandire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major, this being followed by an excellent tea in the schoolroom.

There was no speaker business to be done but the president, in a few well chosen remarks, expressed his pleasure at being present. It was announced that nominations had been granted to the Branch to hold practices at Welborough on the second Tuesday evening in each month, whilst one associate member, Mr. R. Denham, was elected.

Heartly votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Higher Brixham who sent his apologies for absence, and to the local ringers for the excellent tea arrangements.

A visit was afterwards paid to Churston Ferrers Parish Church where ringing of Grandire, Stedman and Reverse Canterbury, Pleasure and Bob Doubles were rung. The annual meeting of the Branch is to take place at Paignton in February. A. L. B.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RECORD PEALS

Dear Sir,—The letter written by Ernest J. Rowe prompts me to write and point out that campanology does not receive sufficient publicity in this country to-day and that is why the layman looks at us askance—he cannot understand nor enjoy the mysteries of the magnificent hobby of bellringing.

Some years ago I wrote to the B.B.C. suggesting that as they were concerned with things auditory that they should give some time to bellringing. I am glad to say that my letter bore fruit and they did two broadcasts—but, upon my word, I received many letters from readers wanting to know how they could start bellringing. Were there lectures? What books were there?, etc. This brought home to me the fact that there must be hundreds of potential ringers about.

As for record peals—we want much more of this so that ultimately bellringing is included in the Olympic Games and then we could show the world who were the masters in this!

As a medical man I should like to know what advice Nolan Golden's and John Worth's band took with regard to training for this long ring at one stretch. I have heard it voiced that people should not drink (water) for some days before the event. This is of course ridiculous and even dangerous. In most towers I believe, attendants are present who can revivify the ringers. Could somebody confirm or deny this? I have some ideas of my own which may help.

May I add my congratulations to James George on having reached his 97th birthday and on having rung 1,281 peals which surely must be a record?—Yours faithfully,

P. H. A. JONASON.

East Harling, Norfolk.

RECORD LENGTHS IN SECRET

Referring to the letter of Mr. E. J. Rowe in your issue of November 24th, I doubt very much if the publication of good ringing achievements does in fact do incalculable harm to our cause. In Mr. Rowe's case it seems he is a sufferer, but I do believe that there would be no dearth of ringers if the ringing art received much greater publicity.—Yours truly,

THOMAS D. WINYARD

Gerrards Cross, Bucks.

OLD SOMERSET RHYME

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent may be interested to know that in his book, 'The Bell,' published in 1848, the author (The Rev. Alfred Gatty) quotes the following French stanza:—

Persécuteurs du genre humain,
Qui sonnez sans miséricorde,
Que n'avez vous au cou la corde
Que vous tenez en votre main!

which he translates:—

Disturbers of the human race,
Your bells are always ringing,
I wish the ropes were round your necks
And you upon them swinging!

The origin is not given, but it seems to take it a little further afield than Somerset.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN PEARSON.

Warminster, Wilts.

Dear Sir,—I enclose another version of the 'Old Somerset Rhyme,' sent in by Mr. R. G. Field. Unfortunately I cannot recollect from what source I obtained the cutting. I have a feeling it was from 'The Ringing World' itself.

Ye ringers who, in deafening bands

No pity have for age or sex,

Would that the ropes, pulled by your hands,

Were fastened round your cursed necks.

—Yours faithfully,

H. D. HARRIS.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S BIRTHDAY

Dear Sir,—On Monday, November 27th, Mr. Fred Price and I visited Mr. James George, to extend to him personally our congratulations upon attaining the age of 97 years. We found him in reasonably good health and excellent spirits. His bed was strewn with letters and telegrams of congratulation, and he informed us that Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, from Fern-down, had called to see him the previous day. During our visit, the Rev. Goodrich (sometime curate at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham) brought in an iced birthday cake, on the icing there being 97 currants.

Mr. George proved by his accurate observations of happenings (past and present) in the Ringing Exercise that, despite his great age, he is still very mentally active.

We wish him many more such happy anniversaries.—Yours faithfully,

DANIEL T. MATKIN.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. JAMES GEORGE

Dear Sir,—May I, as conductor of Mr. James George's last tower-bell peal, offer my sincere congratulations to him on attaining his 97th birthday. He will be pleased to know that we in Leicester rang his composition of Stedman Caters to mark the event, and he will be interested to learn that this was my 1,250th peal. Carry on Jimmy!—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS

St. Margaret's, Leicester

OLDEST LIVING TOWER-BELL RINGER

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of November 24th, Mr. James George stated that he was the only surviving ringer to ring a tower-bell peal at the age of 85 and nine months: I am sorry to disappoint him, but Mr. James W. Wilkins, of High Wycombe, rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Hughenden, Bucks, on May 13th, 1950, two days after his 87th birthday, and he is looking forward to next May so that he can try for another peal for his 88th.

We all sincerely hope Mr. George will be able to ring another peal in the summer.—Yours sincerely,

R. BIGGS.

Hughenden, Bucks.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE

Dear Sir,—Previous to 1945 no local ringers had taken part in any of the few peals rung on the bells of St. Luke's, Goostrey. The Sunday service ringing consisted of plain courses of Grandsire Doubles or 120 of Plain Bob Doubles, the figures of which were painted on boards fixed to a kind of music stand. Each man had his own bell and the striking was good; none would change his bell.

All this pre-war band has left now, and last year the first lady joined the local band (another lady ringer joined a few weeks ago). Miss Cooke is the first local lady ringer to score a peal on the bells.

The change over to method ringing is slow and uphill work but it is showing results now. The attendance for service ringing is looking up with very often eight or nine ringers present. Visitors are made very welcome and since 1944 the tower has been in union with the Chester Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

Goostrey, Cheshire. B. J. ONGLEY.

NOTE.—We congratulate the three local members who rang in the peal recorded in this issue.—ED.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Brian Austin 1, D. Cattell 2, A. Wenban 3, C. Wenban 4, G. Cheshire 5, H. Butler 6, E. J. Leversuch (first as cond.) 7, R. Lambert 8. First in method for 3, 5 and 8.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. Cattell 1, W. Wenban 2, R. Wenban 3, T. Clark 4, E. C. S. Turner 5, C. Wenban 6, A. Wenban 7, W. J. Nudds (cond.) 8.

AN EXAMPLE FROM READING

Dear Sir.—On November 18th, the Reading Branch held a very happy quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Reading. This meeting was unique from a secretarial point of view, in that I had nothing whatever to organise. I commenced by asking Mr. Dyke (captain of St. Mary's ringers) for permission to use the bells. He came back later with the meeting arranged. The Vicar offered to take the service for us, the organist offered to play for us (and produced a choir), one of the ladies offered to make herself responsible for the tea (more than ample!), the verger arrived at the hall in the morning and set up all the tables. None of these people were asked to do all this.

I hope you will be able to find space in your columns for this short report, not only is it a heartening sign in the life of a branch when the ordinary members volunteer unasked, but it may, I trust, also help the Exercise to reflect that our Guilds and Associations exist not only to further the art of ringing, but also to foster the ideals of Christian brotherhood and service to others.—Yours sincerely,

THOMAS N. LANAGHAN, Hon. Sec.,
Reading Branch, Oxford Guild.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

Dear Sir,—There is little doubt G.B.S. was an atheist. On of the last things he did during his lifetime was to direct that no clergyman attended his funeral, neither did he want a burial service.

I have always understood that 'in memoriam' peals are arranged and rung for some person who had, at least, some connection with the Church. I respectfully suggest that Mr. Shaw's self-admitted attitude towards religion puts him outside this class, and an 'in memoriam' peal as suggested by Mr. Davis would be out of place.

Regarding the reference to bells: G. B. S. was a brilliant man, and in his writings (plays and otherwise) made full use of all facts and happenings in every-day life. He may have been fond of bells, I know many people who are so, but they are not persons who merit an 'in memoriam' peal.—Yours faithfully,

DANIEL T. MATKIN.

AVERSION TO HORSE TRANSPORT

Dear Sir.—There is a slight error in the incident under the heading 'Aversion to Horse Transport.' It should have referred to Maulden bells. Mr. Herbert took the party over from Woburn, and I understand the account was sent in as a tonical footnote to the report on the recent augmentation to Maulden bells. Incidentally I was greatly disappointed, owing to being confined indoors with a severe cold and sore throat on the day, I was unable to take part in the first touch on the new eight as I happen to be the sole remaining active member of Mr. Herbert's band at the previous augmentation.

H. D. H.

THE LADIES' GUILD

CENTRAL DISTRICT

A most successful meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held, in spite of adverse weather conditions, at Clapham Park and Streatham on November 25th.

Ringing during the afternoon was at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, whither the sound of the bells directed many members through the murk and gloom of a foggy afternoon. In the evening a variety of ringing was enjoyed by all present at St. Leonard's, Streatham.

At a very short meeting, four new members were elected and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Havering-atte-Bower and Romford on February 10th. All members please note and book the date now.

NOISE ABATEMENT LEAGUE NOT AGAINST BELLS

LORD HORDER'S LEAD

Bells as a noise nuisance in the modern city were mentioned by Lord Horder, chairman of the Noise Abatement League and extra physician to the King, in a lecture on 'Cities Without Noise,' at the Royal Society of Arts, in London, on November 29th. Lord Horder was introduced by the chairman, Mr. Alfred C. Bossom, M.P.

The speaker referred to bells in reply to a question put by Dr. Greenhouse Allt, principal of Trinity College of Music, who, in stressing that everyone loved making a noise said, 'Men love banging with bells. A child loves banging a drum.'

Lord Horder explained that the members of the Noise Abatement League had had a difference of opinion about church bells and, as was their custom in such cases, decided to do nothing about it. 'We never do anything about a noise,' he said, 'if we find from a sort of rough canvass that as many like it as do not.'

It was time, he felt, that people did get a kick out of bellringing and he told the story of a clergyman about whose church bell he had made 'comments which were not absolutely favourable.' The parson had replied, 'I don't like it myself, I always put cotton wool in my ears.'

The speaker felt that this illustrated a case where a person got a kick out of making a noise. He was making his job conspicuous, advertising his office, and it was this which gave him the kick.

A large part of Lord Horder's talk was taken up with tracing the history of the Noise Abatement League. Since the war efforts to revive interest in it had failed and in the autumn of 1949 it decided to make over its autonomy to the Royal Council for Health and Hygiene.

THE INTERMINABLE LAST WORDS

Some progress had been made towards securing silence in our cities but, as Lord Horder put it, 'there were still the riveters, pneumatic drills, the screech of the tram, the noises of the milk delivery and dust collection. There were the interminable last words of friends standing outside the house of their all too hospitable hosts and clocks striking during the night every quarter of an hour.'

It was the sensitive person who was most hurt by noise. Noise jarred and fatigued the nerves and lessened and made poorer the quality of a man's work. This had been proved by scientific tests and the medical man was in no doubt of the wastage noise produced in the human nervous system.

At night, too, the human being suffered from the effects of noise, impairing the quality of his sleep. From the angle of preventive medicine, Lord Horder had no doubt that noise wore down the human nervous system and caused a lowering of the power of recovery from disease.

Some important steps had been taken towards silencing our cities. Lord Horder instanced the introduction by Mr. Hore-Belisha of the '7½ hours relief from motor horns at night.' It had been shown that the number of accidents during these hours had dropped with the introduction of this measure.

In the everyday world Lord Horder said, building operations could be carried out noiselessly and road making and road breaking could 'lose their terrors,' if we set our minds to it and if we were prepared to pay for it.

Summing-up, the speaker said that the elimination of noise could never be achieved by an Act of Parliament. It could only come about by people realising their own lack of thought for others.

CHRISTMAS PUBLICATION

Guild and District secretaries are advised that notices of meetings to appear in 'The Ringing World' issue of December 29th must reach the Editorial Offices by Friday, December 22nd. The issue of this journal for that week will go to press early on Saturday, December 23rd.

It is important that all editorial communications, including peals, should be sent as early as possible to facilitate publication.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

MEETING AT WYKE REGIS

The Dorchester Branch held a very well-attended meeting at All Saints' Church, Wyke Regis, on November 25th, upwards of 50 ringers and friends being present.

The service, at 4 o'clock, was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. E. Pratt) who gave a most interesting address, during the course of which he emphasised the fact that throughout the length of the Bible the sense of hearing is called upon on most occasions in order that the people may receive the Word of God, therefore the ringing of church bells is a call to all who hear.

Following the service, tea was served in the Hall by a band of lady helpers and at the conclusion the hon. secretary of the Branch, Mr. J. H. Hayne, asked the company to stand for a moment in silence to the memory of Mr. G. T. White, of Dorchester, who passed away recently. He had been a member of the Guild for 55 years during which period he had been for some time Ringing Master of the Dorchester Branch.

Another former Ringing Master, Squadron-Sgt.-Major P. H. Toccock, who is on a short visit to the district, was then presented with a Guild badge as a small token of regard for his untiring energy in all ringing matters connected with the Branch.

Mr. Duke proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success and also apologised for the absence of the chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, of St. Peter's, Dorchester.

Sgt.-Major Toccock paid a special tribute to the choirboys for their attendance and said that he could not recall a ringers' service where so many boys had turned up.

Ringers were present from the following towers in the Branch: Abbotsbury St. Peter's, Dorchester, Milton Abbey, Preston, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis with visitors from Yetminster, Oldham, Stoke-under-Ham, Yeovil, Hazelbury Bryan, Childe Okeford and Clapham (London).

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Minor, Cambridge Surprise Minor and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

Ringing was under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. F. Precey, and his deputy, Mr. F. Stedman.

J. H. H.

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY

This popular little publication, the Ringers' Notebook and Diary, has made its third appearance. The contents have been revised, and evidence of its usefulness is apparent at most ringing meetings.

An innovation this year is production of copies in a choice between rexine and leather, and the latter is a really handsome gift to any ringer for Christmas.

Mr. W. H. Viggers and Mr. Maurice Hodgson are to be congratulated on producing such an essential requirement for the average ringer.

OBITUARY

MR. G. T. WHITE

One of the leading bellringers in South Dorset for more than half a century, Mr. George Thomas White, of Dorchester, died on November 17th, at the age of 76.

Coming to Dorchester from Ottery St. Mary, in 1896, Mr. White was well known in the town as a boot and shoe maker. He joined St. Peter's ringers in March of that year and was elected captain in 1897, a post he held with the exception of one year, until 1921. In 1902 he conducted the first peal rung on the bells and was the last surviving member of the band that took part in that performance. He had since rung a number of peals in his own and various other towers and had conducted five of the seven peals which he subsequently rang at St. Peter's with the local band.

He was a past Ringing Master of Dorchester Branch of Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers and did much to foster the art of change-ringing. In 1946 when celebrating his 50 years' membership of St. Peter's, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung in his honour by a band of past and present Ringing Masters of the Salisbury Guild.

Before and after the funeral service half-muffled touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by ringers from St. Peter's and the Branch. The service was conducted by Canon A. W. Markby, Rector and chairman of the Branch.

Members of St. Peter's band present were: Messrs. H. Steed (captain), J. W. Smith (correspondent), J. T. Godwin (churchwarden), W. J. Simons, R. H. Duke, H. W. Gale, D. W. Gale and C. S. House.

Representing the Branch were: Messrs. F. Precey (Ringing Master), F. Stedman (Deputy Ringing Master), J. H. Hayne (hon. secretary), Mrs. M. M. Godley (Yetminster), K. W. Hewitt and J. B. Whalley (from the neighbouring tower of Fordington St. George). The Master (Rev. C. C. Cox) was unavoidably prevented from attending.

MR. A. BERRILL

The death took place on November 18th of Mr. Arthur Berrill, aged 85 years, of Yardley Hastings, near Northampton. He started ringing at the age of 15, and had been a ringer at Yardley Church of 70 years.

He was a most faithful member of the band, and was scarcely absent from any ringing. He took part in the first peal known by any Yardley ringer, Grandsire Doubles, in 1922, the only peal he ever rang. He was also very fond of music and possessed a wonderful ear for it.

Six fellow ringers acted as bearers at the funeral and also rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in the evening with the bells half-muffled.

AN OUTING IN NOVEMBER

A party of Essex ringers had an outing in November 11th, three cars coming from Stebbing and one from Bocking.

The first call was at Moreton where there is an old ring of six. Despite the rattles and groans from above, as if in protest at being disturbed after a long rest, ringing on these bells was enjoyed. From the position of the ropes, the last ringers were either dwarfs or else were accustomed to ringing kneeling down.

The recently-augmented ring of six at Fyfield was the next call. Congratulations must be extended to the local ringers on raising the money required in ten months.

Tea, toast and cakes at a roadside cafe were followed by ringing on the fine six at North Weald, which were a delight to all the company. Harlow, Potter Street, was the last church visited. Although most of the band were six-bell ringers they found ringing on this light eight enjoyable. It is hoped to arrange another trip in the not too distant future.

R. S.

TOWER CORNER (20)

'METHOD LEARNING—STEDMAN'

Dear Improvers.—In our previous lesson (XI.) we considered in general terms the form and structure of a Division of a method, and how Divisions are 'linked' together to form the Plain Course. We also saw that every Division falls into two halves, each being the reflection of the other; and that they show this feature not only about the 'Junction' of the two halves, but also about the 'Link' of two adjacent Divisions.

TWIN POSITIONS OF REFLECTION.

We remarked accordingly that just as there are two different positions, in a succession of change-rows, at which the method-pattern itself reflects, so also we should find that there are two different positions in the Blue Line of a method, about which the bell-path pattern reflects.

First method—STEDMAN.

These and other features we shall now discover in our study of methods in particular: beginning in this current lesson, No. XII., with the method already encountered, Stedman.

From the GENERAL to the PARTICULAR.

It is worth while recalling not only how we made the acquaintance of this method, but also what we gathered of it in general form. Indeed, this will be our way of approach to learning all methods we select; that is to say, first a general idea of the form of structure, then the sequence of the detail.

ELEMENTS OF METHOD RINGING.

It will be recalled that our approach to practical ringing was NOT to start upon any particular method but to learn to perform the three elements of all method-ringing, namely: (a) Hunting—both 'forward' and 'backward'; (b) Dodging; (c) Place-making. Our hunting was learned upon the smallest possible number—three bells, and our dodging upon two others behind them; while our place-making was learned on passing from the dodging to the three-bell hunting again, thus causing the hunting to be reversed to 'backward'.

SPECIFICATION for the STEDMAN METHOD.

In following that practice, we had encountered, so we discovered, the fundamentals of the method called Stedman; which, briefly summarised, give this general specification:—

- Plain hunting on the minimum number of bells in front
- Dodging on remainder of bells, in pairs, for the row-extent of (a).
- At the end of this row-extent or 'set,' exchange a bell from the front-work with one from the dodging, and start a new set.
- But reverse the form of hunting in this new set, so that the hunting in successive sets is alternately 'forward' and 'backward.' (Called respectively 'Quick' and 'Slow' sets.)

THIS SPECIFICATION IS COMPREHENSIVE.

Now this is not only the complete specification for the method for the method on Stedman's Principle, but also the specification for its application on all numbers of bells both odd and even. The only difference between odd and even stages of the method occurs under (a) above, where the minimum on odd bells is three and on even bells is obviously four; and again under (b) above, where the extent on three bells is six rows and on four bells—unmodified—is eight rows.

STEADFAST.

Attention was drawn in these columns, early in 1950, to this 'mathematical' application of the Stedman Principle on all numbers; and details of the even-bell form were then given the distinguishing name of 'Steadfast.' Students of method structure may recall with interest that later, through the attention this publication had attracted, the C.C. was persuaded to declare that Shipway's Principle is the same method.

EVOLUTION of the WORK.

At the time of our practising the elements of method-ringing as above-mentioned (Exs. 34, 35, 36, 37 refer—as given in instalments 16 and 17), we discovered that what we called the sequence of alternate quick and slow sets gives rise to the 'work' of a bell recurring in cyclic order thus—Dodging, Slow work, Dodging, Quick work. We saw precisely what was entailed in the dodging and the quick work; but all we gathered of the slow work was that the bell in it was there for five sets working alternately in backward hunting and forward hunting. (Please refer to instalment 17, conclusion of Lesson X. for reminder.) It remains, therefore, for us to see in what sort of path our bell is involved, in these five sets of the slow work. Then this path, added to what we know to be the path in the dodgings and the quick work, will give us the complete Stedman Blue Line. Before coming to this, however, we must find and examine a Division in Stedman, bearing in mind all we have learnt about Divisions in general, in our previous lesson.

A DIVISION in STEDMAN.

Without much reflection the student might at first think that a set or 'six' might constitute a Division in this method. A quick set and a slow set will each be found to be symmetrical in structure about its half-way line or 'axis of reflection' as we have come to know it; but the portions of grid-pattern in each set are different. It is useful to test this for yourself by making up and comparing their grid-patterns, from the change-rows given in instalment 17, in figure 6. Clearly then, neither a quick set nor a slow set can alone constitute a Division of the method. Moreover if two complete sets together (one quick and one slow) be considered as a Division, there is found to be no symmetry about the line at the junction of the two sets. So by the C.C.'s definition of a Division this would be out of order. Now it is a matter of history that some measure of argument has proceeded about this question in the past; some holding that there are sets of two types there must be two kinds of Division in this method; while others have maintained the irregularity of such a concept and that the two sets together constitute an asymmetrical Division. (But of course, that is equally irregular!)

ONE SYMMETRICAL ARRANGEMENT.

The truth, however, is simple, and fairly obvious on reflection. A Stedman Division, like any other Method-Division, contains a number of change-rows equal to that obtained by dividing the number of rows in the plain course by the number of working bells. (See definition in instalment 13.) Take the Doubles stage of Stedman. Here the plain course comprises 60 change-rows. All five bells are working bells, of course. As sixty divided by five gives twelve, there must be twelve change-rows in a Stedman Division, and the first Division must comprise the first twelve rows of the plain course.

DIVISION and 'SIX' NOT COINCIDENT.

Many experienced ringers and even some writers on ringing have stated that Stedman began his plain course with the 'last two changes' of a quick six. Manifestly this is not true. Such folk commit the error, unfortunately found even in some current ringing publications, of putting the dividing line between Divisions just one change-row out of place. The position of this line, marking the parting of the Divisions (or as we prefer to call them—the Links), varies with the class of method, according as to whether it has one hunt-bell, two hunt-bells or none at all. This aspect of our subject is of sufficient importance to demand a special note on it. This we will give later. Reference to figure 6 in instalment 17 (or to the figures in any publication on Stedman) will show the starting rows of the plain course of the Doubles stage in this method, exactly as Fabian Stedman set them out. And the simple and obvious

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LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

NOVEMBER MEETING AT OSSETT

The Society's November meeting was held at Ossett on Saturday, November 25th as local conditions prevented the meeting being held at St. Chad's, Headingley.

The bells were raised at 3 p.m. and ringing was enjoyed until 5 p.m. when an adjournment for tea was taken. Tea was served at the Church sale of work held in the Town Hall. On returning to the tower ringing continued until 7 p.m., the time for the business meeting.

Mr. F. Hutchinson was chairman owing to the president (Mr. Hill) returning home, as Mrs. Hill was ill in bed. The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. J. W. Benten and seconded by Mr. F. Hodgson, who thanked the local company for allowing the meeting at short notice and making arrangements for tea when the number attending was three times larger than the number sent in requesting tea.

Mr. Fisher replied for the Ossett company and said they were pleased to have the Society at Ossett to ring the bells when most of their own ringers were busy working at the sale of work.

Following the Society's usual practice no meeting will be arranged for December and members are requested to look for the next meeting announcement in 'The Ringing World.'

A committee was formed to draw up a list of towers for the Society's future meetings. During the afternoon and evening members were present from Armley, Batley, Almondbury, East Ardsley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Liverseed, Ossett, Pudsey, Rothwell, Tadcaster and Drighlington.

WILLESEBOROUGH, KENT

After a spell in the summer, during which they confined their activities to short touches in order to accommodate visitors and on account of local ringers being away on holiday, the band of St. Mary's, Willeborough, has once more settled down to providing the best possible ringing for Sunday services. Recent achievements include:—

Sunday, October 29th.—Matins: Quarter peal, St. Clement's Bob Minor; an attempt at a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob in the evening failed in the last course owing to a failure of the second row.

Sunday, November 5th.—Matins: Quarter peal, Double Bob Minor. Evensong: Quarter peal, Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Sunday, November 12th.—Matins: Quarter peal, Plain Bob Minor. Evensong: Quarter peal, Double Court.

The above two quarter peals were rung half-muffled in memory of the fallen in two world wars.

Sunday, November 19th.—Matins: 1,020 Double Bob Minor.

Sunday, November 26th.—Evensong: Quarter peal, St. Clement's Bob Minor.

At the other services when there has been insufficient time for quarter peals, extents have been rung in Double Bob Minor, Plain Bob Minor, Double Oxford Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

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fact is that he began his plain course just exactly half-way through a quick set or 'six,' i.e., with the last three change-rows. As in most other methods, the first row of this plain course is 'rounds,' and the dividing line comes above that row. The first twelve rows, i.e., 1st Division, may now be seen to comprise the last half of a quick set followed by a slow set and then the first half of a quick set. The succeeding four Divisions are all identical in form with this first, and each is perfect in its symmetry of structure. Moreover each has another qualification, which we shall discover next time, when we study the Stedman Grid-pattern.—Cordially yours,

CORN. R. STONE.

QUARTER PEALS

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael's on Nov. 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. O. Fry 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, T. F. King 3, J. B. Bennett 4, E. White 5, R. Perry 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, H. J. Merrett 8.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Nov. 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Merrett 1, R. O. Fry 2, Betty Smith 3, Jesse Hallett 4, E. White 5, E. J. Fry 6, J. B. Bennett (cond.) 7, K. F. Medway 8. A 78th birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Baverstock.

BIDDULPH, STAFFS.—On Nov. 20th. 1,440 Surprise Minor, being 720 each of London and Wells Surprise: W. Bowring 1, W. P. Dean 2, L. Higgs 3, W. A. Weston 4, J. Stanway 5, W. Hazeldine (cond.) 6.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Nov. 21st. 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. Smith (first quarter of Major) 1, Miss I. Bellerby 2, C. Wright 3, A. B. Cooper 4, J. Saxton 5, S. Lawrence 6, S. Slaney 7, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 8.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 26th. 1,280 Bob Major: R. J. Lindsell (first quarter) 1, H. Pratt 2, H. G. Pelton 3, G. Wiffen 4, J. Warner 5, S. Warne 6, L. W. Wiffen (cond.) 7, A. Wiffen 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BUCKLEY, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 27th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. E. Usher 1, R. Robinson 2, S. Brks 3, P. C. Roberts 4, J. C. Jones 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, A. Lewis (cond.) 7, A. G. Watkin 8. Rung in honour of the 90th birthday of Mr. Hayes Jones, one of the original band of this church and parish clerk and sexton for many years.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Nov. 18th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Westmacott 1, M. C. F. Collett 2, H. Parker 3, J. G. Collett 4, B. S. Nichols 5, W. J. Dixon 6, T. W. Timms (cond.) 7, G. R. Miles 8. For the wedding of the Hon. Priscilla Piercy and the Rev. T. F. Taylor.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral on Nov. 19th, on the middle six, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Hodson 1, B. Porter (first quarter) 2, A. Bousfield 3, J. Ling 4, R. Ling 5, A. Forsyth 6, J. Butterfield (cond.) 7, C. Lightning 8. A farewell to B. Porter.

CHARING, KENT.—On Nov. 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Pendrill 1, J. Thomas 2, W. Henniker 3, F. Good 4, G. Medley (first as cond.) 5, W. Curtis 6.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Nov. 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, Miss A. M. Castle 2, G. A. Parsons 3, Dr. W. R. Winterton 4, A. W. Coles 5, E. T. Beauchamp (cond.) 6, J. Euston 7, R. Sanders 8.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 27th. 1,260 Stedman Doubles: E. Norman 1, C. Clarke 2, F. Sweet 3, R. Short (cond.) 4, W. Kent 5, T. Mogg 6. First quarter of Stedman by all and on the bells.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' on Nov. 24th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Merrett 1, A. T. Weeks 2, J. Hunt 3, J. Potter 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, D. Parsons 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Canon Sangster. —On Nov. 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hunt 1, A. T. Weeks 2, P. Hunt 3, W. Mortimer 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, P. Yates 6. Rung half-muffled for the memorial service for Canon Sangster.

DOVER, KENT.—On Nov. 22nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Te'lender 1, C. George 2, Miss G. A. Smith 3, C. Turner (cond.) 4, E. J. Walker 5, F. A. Rye 6, H. J. Saunders 7, J. D. Thomas 8. Rung half-muffled for Mrs. Golding, wife of the churchwarden, Mr. George Golding, J.P.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 22nd. 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. Atyeo 1, Freda M. Poole 2, S. A. Guppy 3, H. J. Gaylard 4, W. E. Turner 5, A. S. Atyeo 6, W. H. Poole (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, J. T. Locke 8. First quarter of Stedman for 1, 3 and 6.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 25th. at St. Stephen's Church. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Luke 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, J. E. Lewis Cockey 3, G. M. Kirby 4, A. T. Parker 5, H. W. Rogers 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, W. T. Cook 8. Rung for the wedding of Dr. D. C. Deuchar and Miss Daphne Knowles.

EARL SHILTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 18th. 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. O. Wright 1, J. W. Lawrence 2, C. R. Be'ton 3, J. H. Baileys 4, T. K. Deacon 5, F. Baileys (first quarter as cond. in a Major method) 6, T. H. Wright 7, G. A. Newton 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 13th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. W. Furbank 1, Miss Jean Barham (first quarter in the method) 2, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 3, Harrie Sydenham (first quarter in the method, aged 16) 4, B. Bover (first quarter in the method 'inside') 5, H. Carter 6, P. Green (cond.) 7, G. Green 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 19th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Peter W. Croft (first quarter, aged 12) 1, M. Chalkley 2, L. R. Runnacles 3, G. G. Curry 4, W. J. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6.

HERNE, KENT.—On Nov. 27th. 1,260 changes being 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 180 Plain Bob Minor: G. T. Holmes 1, M. Ruck 2, W. E. Ruck 3, G. Hadlow 4, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 5, C. E. Hadlow 6. In honour of the 37th wedding anniversary of the tenor ringer.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Nov. 19th. 1,299 Stedman Caters: Doreen Coker (first as cond. on ten) 1, F. Hayes 2, Sylvia Coker 3, Marie Goodship 4, E. Markham 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, A. Clutton 7, G. R. Goodship 8, R. Coles 9, A. L. James 10.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 19th. 1,440 New Cambridge Surprise Royal: Mrs. K. Parr 1, R. Joyce Pett 2, Sheila E. Harris 3, Eileen D. Farrell 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, F. D. Bishop 6, E. Dodds 7, A. L. Pearson 8, N. Hollingworth (cond.) 9, D. J. Charney 10. First quarter in the method by all the band.

LLANELY, CARM.—On Nov. 7th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. P. Sage 1, J. T. Williams 2, C. H. Hawkins (cond.) 3, L. Hurren 4, G. Francis 5, J. T. Hurren 6. Rung half-muffled for the dedication of the new Lady chapel and in memory of those who fell in the last war.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 26th. 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. King 1, J. Wing 2, J. Herber 3, H. Burton 4, A. J. Smith 5, R. Kendall 6, L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. E. Rushton 9, C. H. R. Mann 10. Welcome to the Bishop of St. Albans on his first visit.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Nov. 26th. 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss D. Keeley (first of Surprise) 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell 3, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 4, R. Keeley 5, N. Mallett 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, H. G. Keeley 8.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Nov. 24th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. C. West 1, Miss R. Gibbons 2, A. W. Argel 3, Miss M. Hunt 4, W. C. West (cond.) 5, G. R. Eyles 6, C. F. Andrews 7, A. W. J. Hunt 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon F. H. Sangster, former Vicar of Melksham.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's on Nov. 26th. 1,256 Little Bob Major: F. A. Salter (cond.) 1, G. E. Padgett 2, Mrs. J. Niblett 3, J. D. Niblett 4, R. Aley 5, J. Wiseman 6, F. Bradley 7, V. T. Jennison 8. First quarter in the method by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

OTTERTY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Oct. 29th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. R. Trestain (first quarter) 1, Louis Hine 2, C. J. Turner (cond.) 3, C. Turner (first quarter 'inside') 4, J. Arbury 5, V. Pyne 6, E. Marks 7, A. J. Down (first quarter) 8. —On Nov. 25th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Marks 1, P. Davis 2, V. Pyne 3, R. Woodley (cond.) 4, E. Rowe 5, C. J. Turner 6, J. Arbury 7, R. Wood 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's on Nov. 19th. 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: M. Elizabeth Brown 1, Shirley V. Rymer 2, Ruth M. K. How 3, W. G. Thomas 4, M. E. Barrow 5, P. Border 6, N. G. McCrum 7, R. B. Meadows (cond.) 8. —At St. Thomas' on Nov. 26th. 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire and 60 of Stedman): Miss D. M. Pantin 1, Miss R. Buchthal 2, Miss M. E. Roe (cond.) 3, D. H. Niblett 4, K. M. Grayson 5, A. M. Elliott 6.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Nov. 20th. 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Llewellyn Jones 1, Marie R. Cross 2, Diana Llewellyn Jones (first quarter 'inside') 3, Janet Eason 4, Hilary Eason (first quarter as cond.) 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Docker-Drysdale, of Radley, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Cross, of Radley, and to Jane Cross, of Hong-Kong.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On Nov. 14th. 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Pickering 1, Lilian Crossmore (first quarter) 2, E. Pammenter 3, N. V. Chappell 4, G. R. Hiner 5, H. Mortemore (cond.) 6.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On Nov. 26th. 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss B. M. Strange 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, Miss M. Harry 3, D. Bounds 4, Miss B. J. Strange (cond.) 5, T. I. Holborow 6. First of Minor by 3 and 4 and first as conductor.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Edward the Confessor, on Nov. 14th. 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: E. C. Sharpin 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Langstone 6. A birthday compliment to Prince Charles.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On Nov. 25th. at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour. 1,325 Stedman Cinques: F. E. Darby 1, A. W. J. Appleton 2, J. Phillips 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, R. G. Burton 5, J. H. Hunt (first of Cinques) 6, T. J. Southam 7, J. H. Crampion 8, D. E. Parsons 9, T. J. Setter 10, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 11, P. A. F. Chalk 12.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 25th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Williamson 1, D. Reeks 2, A. Tapley 3, W. Se'don 4, J. Dunster 5, F. Williamson 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, L. Burnett 8. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss P. Williamson.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Nov. 23rd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Bridger 1, R. H. Bullen 2, H. Fields 3, H. S. Peacock 4, F. H. Newman 5, F. W. Lack 6, F. Warrington (cond.) 7, R. H. Brooker 8. First quarter of Grandsire for 1, 4 and 8. —On Nov. 26th. 1,344 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: S. Gilbert 1, Miss C. Dunnington 2, H. Fields 3, A. Clements 4, H. S. Peacock 5, R. H. Brooker 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, F. Warrington (cond.) 8. First quarter of Spliced Major by all except conductor.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 24th. 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Bunting 1, C. Cousins, jun. 2, S. Elsev 3, W. Cousins 4, E. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. First of Cambridge for 2 and 3.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 19th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hutchins 1, G. Dodd 2, J. Taylor 3, P. E. Dodd 4, R. Christopher 5, E. Curtis 6, R. W. Rex (cond.) 7, R. Dennis 8. First of Triples for 1 and 4.

TWERTON, BATH.—At St. Michael's on Nov. 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Baverstock 1, T. F. King (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, W. J. Prescott 4, M. He'ps 5, R. Perry 6, G. Hawkins 7, P. Young 8. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. R. B. H. Kay) on leaving for the benefice of Backwell, Somerset.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At St. Matthew's on Nov. 26th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with tenor covering: Miss I. B. Cording 1, Miss J. H. Friswell 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, M. Sinden 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, G. A. Parsons 7. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

UPTON PYNE, DEVON.—On Nov. 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Perry 1, F. Wilmington 2, W. Panter (cond.) 3, Miss Phyllis Willmington (first 'inside') 4, R. Scores 5, T. Burnett 6.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—On Nov. 26th. at St. Bartholomew's. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Gaden 1, D. J. Tranter (first as cond.) 2, A. H. Hubble 3, A. H. Hingley 4, D. K. Knowles 5, G. Darlington 6, K. H. Knowles 7, J. H. Morton 8.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On Nov. 19th. 1,428 Grandsire Triples: Shirley Bampton 1, Mrs. E. Chaddock 2, D. Elaine Wright 3, G. S. Lee 4, P. Coote 5, T. Cuts 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, S. Wright 8. First of Grandsire by all except 6 and 7. Rung to mark the birth of a son to Mrs. Peggy Oliver (nee Wright), a former ringer at this church.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 12th. 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): M. Fuller (first of Minor) 1, Hildagar Bird 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, J. Cannell 4, A. S. Richards 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. —On Nov. 19th. 1,440 Bob Minor: Mary Fuller (first of Minor) 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, M. Fuller (first of Minor 'inside') 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, J. Cannell (first of Minor as cond.) 5, A. S. Richards 6.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. G. Wooding (first quarter) 1, A. Goodman 2, R. Minney 3, H. Wooding (cond.) 4, S. Elliott 5, H. C. Minney 6. Rung for the patronal festival and children's service, in which two fathers and two sons took part.

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REMINISCENCE

RINGING DURING THE BAN

I suppose I am one of the few ringers who can claim to have rung during the time of the 'ban' in the early part of the war.

I lived then in Hampshire, and the Rector and I, being both on the phone, were appointed to ring the invasion alarm should it ever be required.

At 2 a.m. one very dark morning the phone rang and a message came through that enemy paratroopers were suspected to have landed in our district and we were to ring the alarm. I stumbled down to the church with beating heart, where I found the Rector. We groped our way to the bells (they were rung 'downstairs') and at the Rector's suggestion we took the 5th and 6th respectively, rang them half-up and let them come down. We repeated this for about ten minutes, and an eerie experience it was to hear them clashing out in those strange circumstances.

I had then to go and warn various air raid wardens and it was not without some trepidation that I set about the task. Every tree seemed to be a lurking foe. One warden thought I was too, for he promptly bolted and barred his doors against me!

My task finished, I was going home down a dark lane when I became aware of footsteps behind me and, dawn just breaking, I perceived dimly a figure armed with a rifle. I thought my last hour had come and, quite defenceless, wondered how I could sell my life as dearly as possible. At that moment the 'foeman' called 'Halt!' and I soon recognised a local Home Guard, his loaded rifle pointed directly at me. His disappointment at recognising me was intense.

'Lor' lumme,' he said 'It's you!' And laughing heartily he added, 'I nearly put a bullet in you just now.' And with that he went off in search of further victims.

C. N. P.

SIMPLE SIMON IN THE BELFRY

Simple Simon thought he would like to be a ringer so he ventured for the first time in his life into the belfry and this is what he said to his chum.

'Do you know, Bill, the ringers have a different language from ours (not bad language, mind you) but it was like a foreign language to me. One ringer was talking about touches, touches of Bob Major, touches of Double Norwich, touches of Cambridge, quarter peals of Bob Minor. He was telling them the conductor pricked out a touch. When they start ringing, one shouts out, "Here goes the treble! Going, going, gone." And they are always talking about some girl named Sally, though I never saw her and about some ringer handling his Sally nicely, and that someone broke her stays.

'Another ringer said he nearly broke her slider. I was told Number 4 bell was known to fall on her ringer. I looked up at the ceiling and moved away from Number 4. But she was said to have been called in quick by someone named Stedman whose name was frequently mentioned.

'Next I heard that Number 6 was in the hunt and then out of the hunt, made a double dodge and bobbed home. Number 3 was in the hunt and Number 6 coursing. Number 2 lying still. I fancied I was in the Pytchley Hunt following the hounds. Number 4 gave a blow, snapped with the treble. They all seemed a snappy lot. Someone yelled, "That's all," and they told me the bells were brought round, but I don't know where to. And then someone yells, "Stand." I was told they all stood at hand stroke and that Queen's change and Tittums had been heard. Someone remarked the bells were well controlled and were well tapped, but I don't know who tapped them.

'And if you know what it all means and what it's all about, I'm hanged if I do.'

'THE DIOCESAN HUMORIST.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CANTERBURY DISTRICT

A most enjoyable meeting of the Canterbury District, Kent County Association, was held at Whitstable on December 2nd. Always a popular venue for a meeting, All Saints' again lived up to its reputation, for 80 members attended from 22 towers in the District, with a welcome visitor in Mr. Ted Allen, of Frindsbury. Ringing on the six bells took place during the afternoon.

The service was held in the church and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Waynforth), assisted by his curate (the Rev. S. T. Easter). The feature was the attendance of the full surpliced choir attached to the church; this, together with a most capable organist, added greatly to the enjoyment and beauty of the worship. A collection for the Association's Belfry Repair Fund amounted to 35s.

Tea was taken in the Church Hall, members sitting down to yet another 'Dilnot Special,' this time with a difference: they were being entertained by Mr. C. C. Dilnot himself. At the conclusion of tea the District's chairman, Mr. J. A. Russell, on behalf of those present, cordially thanked Mr. Dilnot for entertaining the members to tea. He also expressed thanks to the Vicar, Curate, Choir and Organist for their great help during the afternoon.

One new practising member was elected, and Mr. Russell stated that the Quex Park Society had been re-formed by ringers in that area, and the present owner of the estate had consented to become an honorary member of the Association together with his agent, Mr. A. G. Graham. The election of Mr. C. Powell-Cotton again forged a link between Quex Park and the Association, as his father was a life member for many years.

A return was made to the tower and further ringing enjoyed until a late hour. Many young members were again present and these were looked after by Mr. R. G. French, attending his first meeting in his capacity as Ringing Master; other methods were practised, going as far as London Surprise.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

MEETING AT OVERSEALE

About 40 members, friends and visitors from as wide an area as Kingsbury, Duffield and Ibstock were present for the last meeting of the year held at Overseale on November 25th.

This handy ring of eight, a 1914-18 war memorial, was made full use of from 2.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and although no great variety of methods was rung, good practice was put in by the younger members. One performance worthy of note was that of Plain Bob Minor by six members of the fair sex.

The service was conducted by the Rev. F. V. Wallis, with Miss Wright at the organ.

A sumptuous tea prepared by the local ringers' wives followed, in the Robin Hood Hotel.

At the business meeting the belfry election of two members (one non-resident) was ratified. It was decided to accept the committee's recommendation and visit Repton for the annual meeting on January 13th.

The meeting closed with thanks to all who had made the meeting so successful.

YORK MINSTER

LADIES' GUILD TO RING SERVICE TOUCH

To-morrow (Saturday) the famous Five Sisters Window in the North Transept will be rededicated at a Welcome Back service at 2.30 p.m. The service will be sung by members of the Yorkshire Women's Institutes.

With the approval of the Dean and Chapter the Minster ringers invited the Ladies' Guild to ring the service touch on the middle eight. The response has been so good that this will now be possible and it will be the first time in the history of the Minster that a band of women has rung for a service in the Minster.

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BIRTH

LEWIS.—On November 29th, 1950, at 306, Wylds Lane, Worcester, to Florence (nee Johnson), wife of Thomas W. Lewis, a son (Brian Richard), a brother for Roger. 8011

ENGAGEMENT

LONGHURST—WHITE.—The engagement is announced between Cecil Roy Longhurst, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Longhurst, 92, Butchers Row, West Grinstead, Sussex, and Sylvia Mabel White, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. White, 14, South View, Henfield, Sussex. 8005

DEATH

RADLEY.—On Thursday, November 30th, 1950, George Radley passed away at Wallbury, St. David's Drive, Broxbourne, Herts, aged 73. 8009

PUBLICATIONS WANTED

WANTED.—History and Art of Change-ringing and Walters' 'Church Bells of England.' Price and particulars to Fred. E. Dukes, 26, William Street, Drogheda, Ireland. 8003

PUBLICATIONS

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Broomfield (6), Saturday, December 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 7851

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting for nomination of District officers at Ashted on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Usual ringing. Service 4.15. Tea at Peace Memorial Hall 5. 7949

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Gravesend (8) on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea as we have been unable to get a hall for this date.—B. W. May. 7948

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Great Barford and Blumham on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells at 3 p.m. Great Barford. Tea at 5 p.m. Great Barford. Bells at Blumham 6 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7995

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Staveley (8), Dec. 9th. Business important. 7992

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Sevenoaks (8), Dec. 9th. Bells 4 p.m.. Names for tea to Miss Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks.—C. A. Bassett. 7987

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Downham Market, Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 7982

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Redcliffe (12), Dec. 9th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Community Centre, Guinea Street. Meeting 6 p.m.—A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Bristol 5. 7990

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting Saturday, Dec. 9th. Colliers Wood 2.45. Clapham R.C. 4.45. Business in Monastery 6. Battersea 7.15. Own tea arrangements. 7977

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Aldate's, Oxford, on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Ringing. Tea. Meeting 7986

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, December 16th. Bells (12) 3 Service 4 Tea and meeting 4.30. Names for tea to P. Baker, 31, Tobysfield Road, Bishop's Cleeve. 7956

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Horbling, Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. at the Plough Hotel. Names for tea to me before Monday 11th please.—B. H. Dalton, Hon Sec., Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 7984

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (Long's Restaurant). All welcome.—S. Carter, North Road, Hertford.—G. Blake, Burford Street, Hoddesdon. 7983

LINCOLN AND SOUTHALL GUILDS.—Joint meeting of the Lincoln and Newark Districts at Brant Broughton (6) on Dec. 16th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., Lincoln District. 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 7994

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting, Helmshore, Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. Bring own food. Nominations for committee at this meeting. All ringers welcome. 8031

YATTON, SOMERSET.—Dedication of restored ring of eight by the Ven. Archdeacon of Bath at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Everyone welcome. P.C. only for tea by 13th to E. A. Price, Rectory Farm, Yatton, Bristol.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Blandford, Dec. 16th at 3. Welcome to visitors. Write: Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 7972

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual, Wellington (8), Dec. 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea please, Rockwell-Green bells 7.—A. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 8018

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bebington (8), Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided free for those notifying me by 14th at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8022

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 16th, St. Peter's, Derby, 2.30. Names by Dec. 13th to Mr. W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 8019

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Matlock (8), Dec. 16th, 3. Service 4.30. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable.—D. J. Dunn, Darley Dale. 8016

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND N. NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Dec. 16th. Sutton-in-Ashfield (8). Bells available 2. Tea 4.30. Names not later than Dec. 13th to Mr. B. A. Sollis, Pendene, Haddon Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. 8002

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Saturday, Dec. 16th, at St. Andrew's bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. St. Mary's (8) available after tea.—S. Gilbert, Dis Sec. 8025

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting at Stroud, Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (10) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Dec. 12th to S. T. Price, 1, Bridge Cottage, Stonehouse, Glos. 8008

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Annual meeting at Dursley on December 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Dec. 12th to Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 8017

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting Dec. 16th St. Thomas', Exeter (8), 2.30. Cathedral 6.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Dec. 13th to E. J. Ryall, Alplidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 8013

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Dec. 16th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7999

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at All Hallows', Bispham, Saturday, December 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 8023

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Business meeting at the Cathedral at 5 p.m., Dec. 16th. Bells available from 4.30 p.m. Cafe nearby.—R. Benson. 8024

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Felpham, Dec. 16th, 3. Names for tea by 12th to E. Tregus, 78, Kvoto Court, Bognor Regis. 8000

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Blyton (5) on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lee, Gainsborough (Tel. 2623). 8004

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Barkby, Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. G. A. James, 10, School Lane, by Wednesday, Dec. 13th. please.—F. Key, Hon. Sec. 8012

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Broughton Astley, Dec. 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Mr. Farmer, Jesmond Cafe, Broughton Astley, Leicester. 8010

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Hornsey (near Hornsey B.R. Station) on Saturday, Dec. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 8014

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Goole, Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than Dec. 14th to Mr. J. Waud, 41 Oxford Road, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8015

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Reigate (10) on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Ringing 3. Service 5. Tea and business following. Nominations for District officers for 1951 received at this meeting. Further ringing in evening. Names for tea by Thursday, Dec. 14th to Mr. W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate. 8026

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, Dec. 16th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who notify by Wednesday, Dec. 13th.—B. W. White, 14, Southview, Henfield. 8006

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Handsworth, Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names by 14th to W. H. Taylor, 66, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield. 9. 8021

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at St. Matthew's, Northowram, on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. per head. Apply before Dec. 12th to W. G. Turner, 4, Marlden Road, Northowram, Halifax. 8001

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Apsley Guise, Dec. 16th. Bells (6) at 3. Tea at 4.30. Names please by Tuesday, Dec. 12th.—Valerie Willard, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 8030

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at Cottingham, Dec. 16th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for all who notify Mr. W. Lawson, 7, Arlington Avenue, Cottingham, by first post Wednesday, Dec. 13th. 8027

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting Saturday, Dec. 16th, at Woodstock. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. C. Farmer, 5, Heyford Close, Standlake, Witney, Oxon.—W. Hibbert, General Secretary. 8029

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting St. Bartholomew's Bolton, Saturday, Dec. 16th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by hot meal. Names not later than Wednesday, Dec. 13th, to W. Aaron, 40, Haworth Street, Bolton. This is first meeting at the church for 20 years and cordial invitation is extended to all ringers. Methods: Double Court, St. Clement's Minor. Church is 100 yards on right beyond Walker's Tannery, Thynne Street.—W. Aaron, p.p. Peter Crook, Sec. 8028

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The seventh annual dinner will take place on Friday, Dec. 29th, at the New Inn, Westminster Bridge Road. Tickets 13s. 6d., including organising fee. Details being circulated. New and prospective members invited to write to secretary before Dec. 15th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 7991

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Edmund's, Northampton, January 13th. Details later.—Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec. 8007

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS is holding its annual luncheon in Oxford on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Any old members wishing to attend please communicate with Frank Wright, University College, Oxford. 8020

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